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I Have lately entertained my Reader with two or three Letters from a Traveller, and may poſſibly, in ſome of my future Papers, oblige him with more from the ſame Hand. The following one comes from a Projector, which is a Sort of Correſpondent as diverting as a Traveller: His Subject having the ſame Grace of Novelty to recommend it, and being equally adapted to the Curioſity of the Reader. For my own Part, I have always had a particular Fondneſs for a Project, and may ſay, without Vanity, that I have a pretty tolerable Genius that way my ſelf. I could mention ſome which I have brought to Maturity, others which have miſcarried, and many more which I have yet by me and are to take their Fate in the World when I ſee a proper Juncture. I had a Hand in the Land-bank, and was conſulted with upon the Reformation of Manners. I have had ſeveral Deſigns upon the *Thames* and the *New-River*, not to mention my Refinements upon Lotteries and Inſurances, and that never-to-be-forgotten Project which, if it had ſucceeded to my Wiſhes, would have made Gold as plentiful in this Nation as Tinn or Copper. If my Countrymen have not reaped any Advantages from theſe my Deſigns, it was not for want of any good Will towards them. They are obliged to me for my kind Intentions as much as if they had taken Effect. Projects are of a two-fold Nature: The firſt ariſing from Publick-ſpirited Perſons, in which Number I declare my ſelf: The other proceeding from a Regard to our private Intereſt, of which Nature is that in the following Letter.

SIR,

'A Man of your Reading knows very well that 'there were a Sett of Men, in old *Rome*, 'called by the Name of *Nomenclators*, that is in '*Engliſh*, Men who could call every one by his 'Name. When a great Man ſtood for any pub-'lick Office, as that of a Tribune, a Conſul, or a 'Cenſor, he had always one of theſe *Nomenclators* 'at his Elbow, who whiſpered in his Ear the Name 'of every one he met with, and by that Means en-'abled him to ſalute every *Roman* Citizen by his 'Name when he asked him for his Vote. To come 'to my Purpoſe, I have with much Pains and Aſ-'ſiduity qualified my ſelf for a *Nomenclator* to this 'great City, and ſhall gladly enter upon my Office 'as ſoon as I meet with ſuitable Encouragement. 'I will let my ſelf out by the Week to any curi-'ous Country Gentleman or Foreigner. If he 'takes me with him in a Coach to the Ring, I 'will undertake to teach him, in two or three E-'venings, the Names of the moſt celebrated Per-'ſons who frequent that Place. If he plants me by 'his Side in the Pitt, I will call over to him, in the 'ſame manner, the whole Circle of Beauties that 'are diſpoſed among the Boxes, and at the ſame 'time point out to him the Perſons who ogle them 'from their reſpective Stations. I need not tell 'you that I may be of the ſame Uſe in any other 'publick Aſſembly. Nor do I only profeſs the 'teaching of Names but of Things. Upon the 'Sight of a reigning Beauty, I ſhall mention her 'Admirers, and diſcover her Gallantries, if they are 'of publick Notoriety. I ſhall likewiſe mark out 'every Toaſt, the Club in which ſhe was elected, 'and the number of Votes that were on her Side. 'Not a Woman ſhall be unexplained that makes a 'Figure either as a Maid, a Wife, or a Widow. 'The Men too ſhall be ſet out in their diſtinguiſh-'ing Characters, and declared whoſe Properties 'they are. Their Wit, Wealth, or good Humour, 'their Perſons, Stations, and Titles, ſhall be de-'ſcribed at large.

'I have a Wife who is a *Nomenclatreſs*, and 'will be ready, on any Occaſion, to attend the 'Ladies. She is of a much more communicative 'Nature than my ſelf, and is acquainted with all 'the private Hiſtory of *London* and *Weſtminſter*, 'and ten Miles round. She has fifty private A-'mours which no Body yet knows any thing of 'but her ſelf, and thirty clandeſtine Marriages that 'have not been touched by the tip of a Tongue. 'She will wait upon any Lady at her own Lodg-'ings, and talk by the Clock after the Rate of 'three Guineas an Hour.

N. B. 'She is a near Kinſwoman of the Au-'thor of the *new Atalantis*.

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(Price Two Pence.)

'I need not recommend to a Man of your Sagacity the Usefulness of this Project, and do therefore beg your Encouragement of it, which will lay a very great Obligation upon

Your humble Servant.

After this Letter from my whimsical Correspondent, I shall publish one of a more serious Nature, which deserves the utmost Attention of the Publick, and in particular of such who are Lovers of Mankind. It is on no less a Subject, than that of discovering the *Longitude*, and deserves a much higher Name than that of a Project, if our Language afforded any such Term. But all I can say on this Subject will be superfluous, when the Reader sees the Names of those Persons by whom this Letter is subscribed, and who have done me the Honour to send it me. I must only take Notice, that the first of these Gentlemen is the same Person who has lately obliged the World with that noble Plan, Entituled, *A Scheme of the Solar System, with the Orbits of the Planets and Comets belonging thereto. Described from Dr.* Halley's *accurate Table of Comets, Philosoph. Transact.* No. 297. *founded on Sir* Isaac Newton's *wonderful Discoveries, by* Wm. Whiston, *M. A.*

To Nestor Ironside, *Esq; at* Button's *Coffee-house near* Covent-Garden.

SIR, London, July 11. 1713.

'HAving a Discovery of considerable Importance 'to communicate to the Publick, and finding that you are pleased to Concern your self in 'any thing that tends to the common Benefit of 'Mankind, we take the Liberty to desire the Insertion of this Letter into your *Guardian*. We 'expect no other Recommendation of it from you, 'but the allowing of it a Place in so useful a Paper. Nor do we insist on any Protection from 'you, if what we propose should fall short of what 'we pretend to; since any Disgrace, which in that 'case must be expected, ought to lie wholly at our 'own Doors, and to be entirely born by our selves, 'which we hope we have provided for by putting 'our own Names to this Paper.

''Tis well known, Sir, to your self, and to the 'Learned, and Trading, and Sailing World, that 'the great Defect of the Art of Navigation is, that 'a Ship at Sea has no certain Method, in either her 'Eastern or Western Voyages, or even in her less 'distant Sailing from the Coasts, to know her 'Longitude, or how much she is gone Eastward or 'Westward; as it can easily be known in any clear 'Day or Night, how much she is gone Northward 'or Southward: The several Methods by Lunar 'Eclipses, by those of *Jupiter*'s Satellits, by the Appulses of the Moon to fixed Stars, and by the even 'Motions of Pendulum Clocks and Watches, upon 'how Solid Foundations soever they are built, still 'failing in long Voyages at Sea, when they come 'to be practis'd; and leaving the poor Sailors frequently to the great Inaccuracy of a Log-line, or 'Dead Reckoning. This Defect is so great, and so 'many Ships have been lost by it, and this has been 'so long and so sensibly known by Trading Nations, that great Rewards are said to be publickly 'offer'd for its Supply. We are well satisfied, that 'the Discovery we have to make as to this Matter, 'is easily intelligible by all, and readily to be practised at Sea as well as at Land; that the Latitude 'will thereby be likewise found at the same time; 'and that with proper Charges it may be made as 'Universal as the World shall please; nay, that 'the Longitude and Latitude may be generally hereby determined to a greater Degree of Exactness 'than the Latitude itself is now usually found at 'Sea. So that on all Accounts we hope it will 'appear very worthy the Publick Consideration. 'We are ready to disclose it to the World, if we 'may be assured that no other Persons shall be allowed to deprive us of those Rewards which the 'Publick shall think fit to bestow for such a Discovery; but do not desire actually to receive any 'benefit of that Nature till Sir *Isaac Newton* himself, with such other proper Persons as shall be 'chosen to assist him, have given their Opinion in 'favour of this Discovery. If Mr. Ironside 'pleases so far to oblige the Publick as to communicate this Proposal to the World, he will also 'lay a great Obligation on

His very humble Servants,

Will. Whiston,
Humphry Ditton.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

On Saturday the 25th of July, 1713, a Galloway Plate value three Guineas is to be run for in Tutt-hill Fields, the best of 3 Heats, 4 times round each Heat, all Galloways of 14 Hands high, to carry 10 Stone Weight, all under to be allowed Weight for Inches, to be measured and ertled on Wednesday, or any Day before the Day of running, at Mr. Ederton's in Tuttle-hill Fields, paying half a Crown Entrance; and those that Enter at the Post 5 s. The second Galloway to have the Entrance Mony, the third a Whip of 6 s. the winning Galloway to be Sold for 12 Guineas to any of the Contributors that pleases to throw for him as usual.

The Sale of the Bibliotheca Selectissima is continued, and this Evening will be Sold the Gerusalemme Liberata of Tasso, of the Year 1590. Antichita di Palermo, Historia della citta di Napoli, and many other valuable and scarce Books amongst the Quartos. N. B. The Manuscripts will be Sold immediately after the Books, which will be next Friday Evening. Catalogues may be had at the Place of Sale, the Green Doors in the little Piazza Covent Garden.

A good Brick House, with Gardens and great Conveniencies, to be Sold at Twickenham against Richmond. Inquire of Mr. Freeman at the Bible near Temple-bar in Fleet-street.

This Day is Publish'd,

The Prologue to the University of Oxford. Written by Mr. Tickell. Printed for J. Tonson at Shakespear's Head over-against Catherine street in the Strand.

Tully's Lælius; or, Discourse of Friendship. Dedicated to the Honourable William Cadogan Esq;. Printed for Richard Wilkin at the King's Head in St. Paul's Church Yard. Where may be had an Essay upon Study, more particularly the Study of Philosophy. Price 4 d.

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